

Hello members of the Finance Committee,

The Communication Studies Prison BA Journal is seeking support to provide incarcerated Cal State LA students in Lancaster Prison the opportunity to publish their academic work. Each year, a group of inmates in the Lancaster Men's Prison who have a track record of participating in restorative justice initiatives are selected to be part of this rehabilitative pilot program to work on completing a bachelor degree while serving their sentence.

Communication Studies Prison BA Journal aims to offer these students the chance to have their research and writing seen by other academics in our field of study—including students, faculty, and researchers. We hope that by creating a dialogue through the publication of this journal we can better address the problem of mass incarceration.

We expect our inaugural issue to cost approximately \$1,391.25. We are asking student organizations, faculty, departments, and colleges to become sponsors of the journal. We would like you to be one of our sponsors and to contribute whatever amount you wish to help implement this new academic journal.

The new 2017-2018 inmate cohort consists of 25 students. The material that will be published in this journal will come from this new group of students. Cal State LA is the only university with this unique opportunity to create a Communication Studies bachelor program, partly funded during the Obama administration. The funding for the current program is only enough to cover the cost of tuition and books for the students.

We hope you will join us in giving these students a chance and a platform to speak their voices and to engage in a constructive dialogue with other communication studies academics. The funding requested will go towards all expenses to create this journal including, printing and marketing. This journal will be free and available to all Cal State LA community members.

As a way to thank our sponsors, we will create a page in the journal to recognize their generous contributions.

We appreciate your organization taking an interest in this opportunity to help our students succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mariely Pozuelos & Prison BA Team.

Cost Element	Total Estimated Cost \$1,391.25 - \$2,191.25
Direct Labor by Student Editors	Est. \$500 to \$700 (depending on how much funding can be acquired from sponsors)
Equipment & Materials	\$341.25 For printing \$20 One poster board \$30 printing flyers
Travel & Misc.	None
Subtotal –	\$1,391.25 - \$1,791.25
Total –	\$1,391.25 - \$1,791.25

*The above quantities for total represent the difference from paying two students editors \$500 versus \$700.